

OHJA BOD meeting
Feb. 22, 2010

Roll call: Matt Payne, Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Theresa Pickens, Jamie Barkhau, Scott Dehelian, Karen Reid, Erica Staib, Kathy Valentine, Frankie Stark.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Skip Thornbury.

The main focus of this meeting is the debate about what constitutes a competition. The USHJA is also looking into the numbers at horse shows in general trying to get a feel for what the average numbers attending are and what number of entrants should be required for a show to maintain a certain rating level. There have been some "A" shows in Zone 5 with as few as 19 entries, is this really a competition?

Some members have voiced a concern about the smaller "barn" shows that typically fill with in house entries and a few outside entries. They feel that these barns have a significant number of shows giving those in house entries an advantage in the battle for year end point awards. With such small classes, do they really have an impact on the overall point standings? Further research will have to be done to see what sort of effect these shows have on the final standings.

Scott feels that currently we define what constitutes a division but no one has ever defined what really constitutes a real competition. He feels that it should be done the other way around. We have a concern about a show having enough horses to fill enough divisions to meet the OHJA requirements. If there is a minimum number of divisions that must fill but not a minimum number of entries then it is possible that a few horses may be required to do a lot of classes to make the show fill the requirements. We do not want to see the horses overworked to "fill" the requirements.

We will be tracking the number of entries at all the shows this year and see if we can get a feel for what it takes to make a valid competition. Kathy will send out a notice to the show managers to let them know that they will be required to give us this information for each show. We will be using this information to come up with some minimum number requirements for the 2011 show year. At this point, from the research we have already done, it

appears that a good minimum number of entries for points to count will be 25. We will also continue to work on the minimum show standards requirements. These will define what sort of facility is required to be provided in order to maintain an OHJA rating.

Lisa at the Marriott has contacted us about next year's banquet date. It is tentatively planned for January 22, 2011. There is a possibility that the Zone V awards will be done at our banquet as well.

The meeting was adjourned by Skip Thornbury at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury